**Activity report**

Site: **Sinana PA: Salka**

*I: Description of the activity*

What is the nature of the activity?

**Field day- for farmers and experts**

What were the objectives of the activity?

* **To showcase the different crop (food and cash), NRM and livestock (Oat&Vetch, and crop residue) related research interventions of ILRI and CG partners to local actors (Government representatives, research and private sector)**
* **To create a venue for participating and non-participating farmers in the research site to learn from one another and discuss issues related with the experiments with researchers.**

Who organized/originated the activity?

**Africa RISING** **Site coordinators, IP TG members, ILRI researchers**

Date of the activity; **December, 13, 2014**

*II: Participation by IP actors in the activity (attach IP register for verification)*

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| **Number of organizations or actors grouped by the type of organization** | **Number** |
| Number of male farmers | 52 |
| Number of female farmers | 8 |
| Number of research organizations | 9 (Sinana, Kulumsa, Debrezait, ILRI, ICRISAT, ICRAF, ICARDA, EIAR, Holleta research centers) |
| Number of policy organizations (including Woreda or kebele offices) | Sinana Woreda office of Agriculture; Selaka PA administration; Bale zonal office of agriculture |
| Number of NGOs | 1 (HUNDEE) |
| Number of farmer groups (clusters) represented | 7 (FRGs) |
| Number of private sector organizations | 2 (Meta Brewery (DIAGO), Kality Food Complex) |
| Number of other groups and specify (e.g. youth group etc.) | 2 (Female and youth kebele association) |

*III: Narrative description of the activity (Around 300 words)*

Briefly describe the key elements of the activity-What went well and what did not go well?

**The field day was organized in Salka kebele to see research activities related with yield gap trials on wheat and barley, participatory variety selection (PVS) on wheat, food and malt barley, potato, Oat and Vetch forage trials and tree-Lucerne experiment. The field day was a big one and entertained high local actor and CG partners’ presence whereby Madawalabu university president, zonal agricultural office head and Sinana research center director were among the important participants. Africa RISING researchers from ICARDA also brought important private sector representatives from Brewery and food complex factories that brought opportunities for new areas of partnerships with Sinana farmers on malt barley and Durem wheat production.**

* **High level of farmers, local partners and CG center participation was a good aspect of the event**
* **Wheat rust and stem rust diseases affected some of the trials to be seen on the field day**

What key ‘next steps’ emerged from the activity

* **To invite more new private sector actors in field days and IP meetings not only in Sinana but also in other sites**
* **More focus from Africa RISING to do adaptation research on highland rust resistant wheat varieties and crop diversification- ICARDA to lead on this in collaboration with SInana agricultural research center**
* **Selection of FRG representatives in kebele and Woreda level IPs**